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5. Faysal to Concentrate on Reform and Development. Deputy Foreign Minister Saqqaf informed the Ambassador that, with the advent on the scene of UNYOM and the arrival of U.S. "Hard Surface" forces, Crown Prince Faysal feels more relaxed and during the remainder of his stay in the summer capital of Ta'if, Saqqaf believes Faysal intends to devote himself exclusively to problems of social and governmental reform, and the economic development program. (CONFIDENTIAL)

MILITARY

1. Successful Execution USAF-RSAF Joint Air Show; Hard Surface Underway. Joint USAF-RSAF air show was successfully executed July 11 in presence MODA SULTAN. Saudi pilots performed well in F-86 formation flying. USAF in F-100s demonstrated versatility including air refueling, high level sonic booms, etc. Limited number F-100s and F-86s performed formation flights over Ta'if July 14. Passes over Jizan July 15 and Bisha and Abha in south on July 16 carried out by F-100s. AFELM Commander returning to Dhahran to inaugurate training program of Saudi pilots by his unit in association with USMTM. (CONFIDENTIAL) (SECRET)

Comments: Saudis are fully satisfied with Hard Surface program developed so far. Sultan has given orders Saudi anti-aircraft battery commanders not to fire unless approaching military aircraft drop bombs or engage in strafing. Saudis have not pressed for control of flight programming or for unacceptable frequency of flights over sensitive southern area of Kingdom. (CONFIDENTIAL) (SECRET)

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2. Saudi-US Air Exercise. Joint exercise by Saudi F-86s, USAF F-100s July 11 in Jidda received heavy coverage local dailies. Static display, maneuvers over city, witnessed by SAG dignitaries headed by Minister Defense Prince SULTAN, described in detail with extensive photographic coverage. Stories included paeans praise for skill, daring BSAP. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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